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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. WATER CONTAMINATION PROBLEM NOW RECEIVING INTEREST BY AFSA. BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE USEFUL, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, TO INCLUDE INFO FROM PRESS GUIDANCE IN NEXT TWIM OR ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE IN ORDER TO DISPEL ANY INACCURACIES ON THE SUBJECT. PLEASE INFORM WHAT ACTION YOU TAKE ON THIS, AS WE NEED TO RESPOND TO AFSA QUESTION RE INFORMING AMERICAN PERSONNEL. FYI: ACCIDENTAL CONTAMINATION OF BOTTLES IS BELIEVED TO HAVE OCCURRED DURING ACTUAL FORMATION OF BOTTLES OR IN PREPARATION OF SAMPLE BOTTLE SHIPMENT TO YOU.

2. RE MOSCOW 1012. COPY OF CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE STUDY ON THEATER NUCLEAR FORCES POUCHED TO MOSCOW ON JANUARY 24.
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3. RE YOUR CONCERN WITH HARTMAN LINE ON CHANCERIES (MOSCOW 00939), WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY MADE IT CLEAR TO SOVIETS UP AND DOWN THE LINE THAT WE EXPECT OUR OPERATING NEEDS TO BE MET AND THAT THESE THINGS SHOULD HAVE BEEN PROVIDED NORMALLY IN ANY CASE. WE ARE ALSO GEARING UP

THE HIGHEST LEVEL HERE TO TAKE THIS SAME LINE IN AN INITIAL MEETING WITH TOLYA THIS WEEK.

4. SUNDAY'S WASHINGTON POST HAS A LONG ARTICLE BY PETER OSNOS CONTAINING SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW HE HAD WITH TOM JOHNSON ABOUT VARIOUS HEALTH PROBLEMS. THRUST OF ARTICLE IS THAT "PSYCHIC STRESS" IS LARGEST FACTOR HAVING TO DO WITH HEALTH PROBLEMS IN MOSCOW, BUT THAT MANY AMERICANS HAVE COME TO TERMS WITH CONCERNS RESULTING FROM MICROWAVES, GIARDIASIS, LYMPHOCYTOSIS, ETC. JOHNSON TREATED VERY SYMPATHETICALLY AND PORTRAYED AS KEY MAN IN CURRENT SITUATION--HIS PRONOUNCEMENTS

"REGARDED WITH SOMETHING AKIN TO REVERENCE," "DISMAYED AMERICANS FEEL THEY HAVE NO PLACE ELSE TO TURN." ARTICLE ALSO GOES INTO DETAILS ABOUT OPERATIONS OF EMBASSY MEDICAL UNIT AND QUOTES JOHNSON BEING WORRIED THAT "SOME BUREAUCRAT IN WASHINGTON" WILL DECIDE IT SHOULD ONLY BE AVAILABLE FOR AMERICANS. POUCHING TEXT OF ARTICLE TO YOU TODAY.

5. RE MOSCOW 1012. THREE COPIES OF CSCE FINAL ACT IN FIVE LANGUAGES POUCHED TO MOSCOW, JANUARY 24.

L. REGARDING YOUR QUERY ON THE BACKGROUND TO THE SUDDEN POSTPONEMENT OF THE S&T JOINT COMMISSION, WE CAN ONLY SPECULATE. AS WE CAME DOWN TO THE WIRE, DR. STEVER WAS QUERIED SEVERAL TIMES BY OES AND HELD TO THE LINE THAT ROOT GAVE TO AYKAZYAN, AS DESCRIBED IN MOSCOW 1084. CONFIDENTIAL

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AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR, HOWEVER, STEVER ADVISED THAT HE WOULD BE LEAVING AND ASKED FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE ON MEETING POSTPONEMENT. THIS LED TO THE LETTER WHICH WAS THEN SENT TO KIRILLIN. OUT OF THIS SEQUENCE OF EVENTS, WE ASSUME THAT STEVER ORIGINALLY HAD HIS REASONS TO BELIEVE HE WOULD BE ABLE TO PLAY A ROLE AT THE JC MEETING, BUT THE GROUND WAS AT SOME POINT CUT OUT FROM UNDER HIM. WE WOULD THINK IT CORRECT TO ASSURE THE SOVIETS THAT THESE EVENTS HINGED ON PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF DR. STEVER, WITH NO POLITICAL OVERTONES. WE TOO WISHED IT HAD GONE OTHERWISE.

7. DIANA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR CABLE DESCRIBING HOW BREZHNEV LOOKED AT TULA. INTEREST STILL HIGH HERE.

8. PAUL IS WONDERING HOW ALLOCATION OF WORK IN POL HAS WORKED OUT AS REGARDS IGOR. YOU STILL KEEPING HIM IN LOW PROFILE MODE?
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